

# Closer N. A. Baptist Ties Urged

WASHINGTON (BP)—Representatives of nine North American Baptist groups with a combined membership of more than 15 million have suggested that their conventions and conferences work together more closely in the fields of education and publication.

Forty members of the general committee of the North American Baptist Fellowship

met here for two days of examination of the concerns they hold in common and an exploration of ways to help each other.

They also welcome the General Association of General Baptists as the ninth and most recent addition to the Fellowship. Other participating groups are the American Baptist Convention, Baptist Federation of Canada, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention of Mexico, North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Influence of Fellowship on member bodies is purely advisory. Its purpose, according to its constitution, is "to make possible opportunities for fellowship and the sharing of mutual concerns."

Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was elected chairman of the Fellowship to succeed V.

Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, an American Baptist pastor who has headed NABF since its organization in March 1966.

Seven definite proposals came out of the Washington meeting.

Three had to do with church outreach to young people. One recommended that avenues of communication be established between Baptist colleges and universities so that their administrations may exchange ideas on both business operation and the educational process. Another suggested a workshop for leaders of the theological seminaries operated by the various conventions.

A third sought to encourage recruitment of students on college campuses for church-related vocations. It said, "In the light of the efforts of National Baptists to meet a very great need for theological students and trained leadership for other church-related vocations, and since this is a need which we all share, we recommend that the North American Baptist Fellowship

encourage the several Baptist bodies to seek cooperative efforts in establishing and supporting religious student work on campuses where such work does not now exist, that we may cooperate in calling out the called."

Another proposal commended "the informal discussions already begun among top leadership groups of the various Boards of Education and Publication of several Baptist bodies."

It further recommended that these leaders "explore the possibility of sharing material and manuscripts which might be helpful to other groups," and noted that "joint publication of some titles in certain areas seem also to hold excellent possibilities and should be evaluated."

Other Proposals

Other proposals had to do with projects for increased communication and fellowship among members of the various Baptist bodies. It was suggested that planners of

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Rev. Homer Martinez



Dr. Claude Rhea

## Two Conventions Ready Dec. 30-31

Rev. Homer Martinez and Dr. Claude H. Rhea, two outstanding leaders, will be program personalities for the Mississippi Twin Conventions to be held at First Baptist Church in Jackson December 30-31.

The two conventions, a Youth Convention for Intermediates and Young People, and a Training Union Leadership Convention for adults will be held simultaneously but each will have its own program.

Mr. Martinez, who like his brother Angel, has served effectively for several years as a fulltime evangelist, is one of the more sought after speakers for programs such as these conventions.

He lives in Fort Worth, Tex.

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## Home Board Okays \$14.9 Million Budget

ATLANTA (BP)—Director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board endorsed a \$14.9 million budget that includes three new urban pilot projects, increased Christian social ministries and money for three nationwide evangelistic telecasts.

Acting in annual fall session here, the 64-member board of directors approved the record budget unanimously after hearing detailed accounts of how the agency's 12 programs of work and service departments would spend the funds.

The budget includes about \$3 million in work directly related to areas of racial tension and poverty, according to executive secretary Arthur B. Rutledge.

This is partially reflected in the \$1.3 million budget for Christian social ministries, which includes Baptist centers, weekday ministries, literacy training, youth and family services and migrant missions.

Most of these ministries relate to disadvantaged areas of the nation's cities, especially inner city situations. A new effort—a church oriented ministry to alcoholics—will get underway in 1969.

Included also in the budget is \$175,000 for three nation-

wide color telecasts featuring Billy Graham, which have been produced as part of the Crusade of the Americas. The metropolitan missions

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## BAPTIST FOUNDATION ELECTS OFFICERS

New officers were elected by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation Board of Trustees at a meeting held December 5 at the Baptist Building. From left (standing): C. J. Kees, Magee, vice-president; Delmar Simmons, Jackson, president, and Rev. Carey E. Cox, Jackson, executive secretary. (Seated): Grady Doss Eupora, executive committee member; J. N. Barren, Crystal Springs, executive committee chairman, and A. L. Boone, Winona, executive committee member.

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## 16 Meetings Set By Action Commission

Sixteen regional conferences have been planned by the Christian Action Commission for January - April 1969, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director.

Pastors and other church leaders within the several county area of each meeting are urged to take advantage of the opportunity for information on the subjects discussed.

Dr. Billy McCormick, executive secretary of the American Council on Alcohol problems, Washington, D. C. will assist in a series on "Alcohol Misuse and Drug Abuse."

The meetings are scheduled as follows: January 13, Arbor Grove Church, near Houston; January 14, Beacon Street, Philadelphia; January 16, First, Laurel; January 17, First, Pascagoula.

"Christian Citizenship and Church & State" will be the theme for the February series.

Dr. James R. Allen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, and Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, will

serve as resource leaders.

The February 10 meeting will be at First, Senatobia; February 11, First, Pontotoc; February 13, First, Yazoo City; February 14, First, McComb.

"Community Moral Concerns" will highlight the March series and will deal with such problems as pornography, honesty and gambling.

These meetings are scheduled for March 3, First, Lucedale; March 4, First, Poplarville; March 6, First, Greenwood; March 7, First, Louisville.

Four regional conferences will center around "Christian Family Life."

Rev. Eugene Dyess, Religious Counseling Center of Mississippi, Jackson, Rev. S. W. Carr, pastor of the North Park Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and Rev. Fred Fowler, Decatur, will be among the resource people to join the college faculty members to provide personnel for these conferences.

"It is anticipated that Baptist church leaders will be joined by those of other denominations," Dr. Hensley said, stating that "family concerns are not confined to Baptists."

The college schedule is as follows: March 10-12, Mississippi College; March 30-April 1, Blue Mountain College; April 13-15, William Carey College and Lebanon Association; April 20-23, Clarke College and First Church, Newton.

## BAPTIST HISTORICAL WORKER FINDS MONEY IN MINUTES

NASHVILLE (BP)—Officials of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission here, who long have preached that "old records are valuable and should be treasured," discovered just how valuable they might be recently.

While Mrs. Reba McMahon of the commission staff was checking some old Baptist associational minutes from Georgia, out fell two over-size U. S. currency bills—a \$10 and a \$5 bill of an old issue sometimes called "saddle blanket money."

Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the commission, speculated that some church might have sent \$15 to the association for minutes, and the clerk-treasurer of the association might have failed to make record of having received the money.

## Duke McCall, Wife Visit Cuba On Hijacked Plane

MIAMI (BP)—A Southern Baptist seminary president was among 34 persons hijacked and taken to Cuba by gun and grenade-wielding Cuban who threatened to blow the plane sky-high if anyone made a move.

Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and his wife, spent nearly 24 hours in Cuba after the National Airline jet they were flying from Tampa to Miami was hijacked.

McCall was enroute to Miami to attend the annual meeting of the president of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries.

It really wasn't too frightening, except at the moment the passengers discovered the Spanish-speaking man was taking over the plane, McCall said.

"Just as we were about to land in Miami, I heard a noise behind me on the right," McCall said in a telephone interview with Baptist Press. "A man who had his arm in a sling pulled out a hand gre-

nade and a pistol, and was holding the grenade under the chin of the stewardess, ordering her to take him to the pilot.

"When the pilot discovered what was happening, he gave power to the plane and took off instead of landing," McCall added. "Another three or four minutes later and we would have been on the ground in Miami."

McCall explained that the plane was low on fuel and had to land at Key West, Fla., for refueling since it could not make it to Havana. For 81 minutes, the hijacker held the pilot hostage, while he radioed to a nearby Naval Air Station to send a truck of jet fuel, which was not available at the small Key West airport.

During this time, the 27 passengers discussed the pos-

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## Christmas Gifts Are Urged For Village

Every Baptist individual in Mississippi is afforded an opportunity at Christmas to bring personal and material expressions of Christian love and concern to dependent children, separated from hearth and home, according to a annual Christmas Greetings from The Baptist Children's Village, Mississippi Baptists' Child Care Agency.

Again this Christmas, the Village has appealed to individual Baptists and friends of children for assistance through cash gifts in bringing the material joys of Christmas to children.

"If every Baptist could stand with our staff and read in the eyes of so many little ones who have recently come to us for care, the eloquent expressions of loneliness, fear, and sometimes neglect and abuse, I have no doubt that our seasonal needs in cash, clothing and other gifts would be over-subscribed."

Superintendent Paul N. Nunery stated.

Nunery emphasized his belief that the traditional observance of Christmas at the Village affords an unparalleled opportunity for Christians to demonstrate love and compassionate concern to boys and girls in a believable and understandable fashion.

The Christmas appeal from the Village suggests that interested friends may:

1. Make a cash contribution to the Christmas Fund by mailing a check or money order to The Baptist Children's Village.

2. Request by telephone or letter the name, needs and sizes of a child, with the donor shopping and mailing or delivering the gifts to the child at the Village.

The telephone number in Jackson is 922-2242 and the mailing address is The Baptist Children's Village—Box 11308, Delta Station, Jackson, Mississippi 39213.



New officers of the Mississippi Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee, elected at a recent meeting at Baptist Building, are, from left: Dr. David Grant, Jackson, treasurer; M. D. Reagan, Carthage, vice-chairman; Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, recording secretary; T. Cooper, Walton, Jackson, chairman.

## Pioneer Committee Elects Officers, Sets Drive For Suits

New officers were elected and a drive was launched to raise funds for suits of clothes for 84 pastors of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention when the Pioneer Missions Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board met November 29 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

T. Cooper, Walton, Jackson, was named as chairman. Other officers are as follows:

M. D. Reagan, Carthage, vice-chairman; Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, recording secretary, and Dr. David Grant, Jackson, treasurer.

Plans are to deliver the suits to the pastors by Christmas day and individuals and groups interested are urged to send their contributions immediately to Mr. Walton at 316 Robinhood Road, Jackson.

Checks or money orders should be made out to "Pioneer Missions Committee" and marked "Suits for Pastors," Mr. Walton said.

The Northern Plains Baptist Convention was organized in 1967 and is composed of the states of Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota with headquarters at Rapid City, South Dakota.

The committee was instrumental last year in raising funds for suits of clothes for 39 pastors in the Montana Baptist Fellowship.

Other members of the committee are: Ralph Hester, Jackson; Claude Townsend, Florence; Rev. Joe Haire, Water Valley; Rev. Johnny L. Taylor, McComb; Ralph Herrin, Collins; John D. Thomas, Hattiesburg; C. M. Wells, Canton; Eugene Polk, Magee; Dr. Bob Ramsey, Brookhaven; Dr. Charles Ray, Greenwood; Fred Moore, Morton; J. W. Caperton, Tunica; Murray Alexander, Greenville; Joe Pigott, McComb; Rev. Larry Rohman, Biloxi; Dr. Allen O. Webb, Jackson; Rev. Bill Baker, Calhoun City; Clint Sims, Tupelo; J. E. Ruffin, Laurel; and Sam Mabry, Liberty.

This committee sponsors missions in the pioneer areas of the United States, with particular emphasis on Montana, a state which has been "adopted" by the Convention Board for mission endeavor. Ohio is another state in

which the Committee has been especially active in mission work.

While there is a small allocation in the State Convention budget for pioneer missions, most of the funds received for the work come from individuals, groups and organizations "over and above" their gifts through their churches.

## BWA Asks Added Income

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist World Alliance administrative sub-committee adopted a 1969 budget of \$178,500, \$3,000 less than previously listed needs, after hearing a report that 1968 receipts may fall as much as \$10,000 short of the 1968 budget of \$172,500. Carl W. Tiller, treasurer of the Alliance and a budget planner for the U. S. Bureau of the Budget here, told the committee that similar shortages would occur in 1969 unless additional funds become available.

After the budget was adopted, one committee member observed that "this budget is pitifully small for a worldwide organization which serves as the link for fellowship, service, and cooperation of the world's 29 million Baptists in 124 countries."

The Alliance is supported predominately by contributions from the 85 national Baptist bodies (in 67 countries) which are affiliated with it. These contributions will total about \$120,000 in 1968. The remainder of the budget comes from churches and individuals who, a spokesman said, "are interested in having a personal part in the world fellowship's international outreach."

Forty-eight of the member conventions had made contributions in the first ten months of 1968.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary, noted that ten member bodies are prevented from sending contributions because of the political conditions in their countries. Forty-three of the member groups—half of the total—have fewer

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## Taylor Chapel To Be Dedicated

The commodious new chapel at Taylor Machine Works, Louisville, will be dedicated in appropriate ceremonies Monday, Dec. 16.

U. S. Senator John C. Stennis will be the principal speaker at the event which will include a tour of the plant and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a \$1,000,000 expansion program.

The center came into being as the result of a dream by the late founder of the company, W. A. Taylor Sr., a pro-

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## Taylor Chapel To Be Dedicated Dec. 16

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On June 18, 1968, Mr. Taylor made the statement "While on my knees in prayer I saw a spiritual center with a steeple on it - standing in the middle of Taylor Machine Works."

He was able to see his dream become reality before his death.

Taylor Machine Works is known as "the company that faith built." It was founded by Mr. Taylor in 1927 with one helper and the motto "Faith, Vision, Work." It now employs

500 and is embarking on a five-year program to double that number.

The firm has an annual payroll of \$3.5 million. Sales this year will be \$17 million. The company manufactures machines and tools.

Prominent religious speakers from across the nation are invited to Louisville each month to conduct the services at the center. They are usually accompanied by the 40-member Taylor Choir.

Employees are paid while the services are being conducted and very few fail to at-

tend. A recent survey shows more than 95 per cent of the Taylor workers are regular churchgoers. Many hold positions of leadership.

An attractive stone and steel building, the spiritual center has modern stained glass decorated doorways. These open into a small lobby and the blue-carpeted auditorium large enough to seat 600.

The latest in sound, lighting and motion picture equipment makes the facility easily adaptable for any kind of meeting. Two smaller rooms, for prayer and conferences,

are adjacent to the main auditorium, and a 60-foot picture window overlooks much of the Taylor factory.

An address at the dedication of the center will be given by W. A. (Bill) Taylor Jr., who has succeeded his father as company president. All employees will be present and the Taylor Choir will sing "Nothing is Impossible."

The day's proceedings will begin with a VIP tour of the plant at 10 a.m. Sen. Stennis is scheduled to speak at 1:05 p.m., and at 2 p.m. there will be guided tours of the factory for the public.

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sibility of going out the rear exit of the plane, but they felt that this might endanger the lives of the seven crewmen, most of whom were in the cockpit with the hijacker.

"We all decided that we would rather go through the inconvenience and take the time necessary, rather than run the risk of jeopardizing the lives of the pilot and stewardess and those in the cabin," McCall added.

"This speaks well of the American attitude toward the lives of others," he said. "There are so many nasty things you can say about Americans, but this is one thing really good you can say about them."

When the plane landed in Havana Jose Marti Airport, soldiers surrounded the plane and assured the passengers as they deplaned that "they weren't going to hurt us and everything was all right," McCall said. That reception "set the tone" of the Cuba visit.

The high-jacker appeared to be motivated either by a "political plot" or by "emotional instability," but McCall said he was not sure which. "As soon as he got off the plane he got down and kissed the ground."

Passengers were not allowed to take the same plane back to Miami because Cuba authorities said the Jose Marti Airport runways are too short for jet takeoffs. But the crew did fly the plane back.

The group rode 85 miles on a 2½ hour bus jaunt from Havana to the Veradero Beach area where they spent the night. McCall said the flight left Tampa about 4:00 p.m., arrived in Havana about 7:30 p.m., and the group reached Veradero Beach about midnight.

**Stay At Plush Hotel**  
After spending the night in one of Cuba's most plush hotels at a resort area near the international airport, they were allowed to walk on the beach and visit with the people.

He said they were royally entertained with good food and facilities. McCall and his wife talked to Cuban Honey-mooners on the beach and lounged around the hotel until leaving about 6:00 p.m.

They tried to telephone Mrs. Herbert Caudill, wife of an imprisoned Southern Baptist missionary in Havana, but none of the party of 27 were able to complete any telephone calls.

McCall said as he was flying into Miami on return, he felt sentimental about the sons, "God Bless America," and that he felt that the reason he loves America is because God has blessed it.

Searching for a lesson in the experience, McCall observed that he is even more convinced Baptists should redouble efforts in the Crusade of the Americas evangelistic campaign, involving Baptists in North, Central and South America. Cuban Baptists have said they, too, would participate.

"Here is the hope not just

for our own land but for the whole hemisphere, for we will never see society transformed until individuals are transformed by the grace and power of God," he said.

In a lighter vein, McCall added that the seminary presidents had really ribbed him about doing anything possible to be late to their meeting. "It's been a lot of fun, with the joking about it all."

"I'm convinced that America is the only country in the world where you can enjoy foreign air travel on a domestic air ticket."

## Seminary Names Library Workers

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) —Miss Elizabeth (Betty) Anne Smith, daughter of missionary parents to the Congo now living in Richmond, Va., has been named catalogue librarian at South-eastern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Miss Smith has been catalogue librarian of the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Calif.; the University of Georgia, Athens; Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va.; and the seminary library of University of Duquesne, Iowa.

## CWA Asks . . .

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than 10,000 members, ten of them fewer than 1,000 members.

He said that these small groups are not financially able to make more than a token contribution to the Alliance, and the burden of support rests on larger bodies in the affluent nations. The contributions from the smaller groups are generally more generous per capita than from the larger groups.

George W. Schroeder, a layman in Memphis, and V. Carney Hargroves, a pastor in Philadelphia, are co-chairman of a Sustaining Gifts Committee seeking to raise additional funds for Alliance operations. Hargroves said he hopes the committee can bring in \$10,000 in new gifts in December to balance this year's Alliance budget.

A world relief program, channeling Baptist assistance to refugees and other people in need is carried on outside the Alliance budget — though total administrative costs are paid by the Alliance budget. Frank H. Woyke, associate secretary with responsibilities in relief, reported that during the first ten months of 1968 a total of \$109,096 in relief contributions have been channeled through BWA offices to Baptists in Nigeria, Congo, India and other countries where human needs exist, without a penny being deducted for administration or transfer costs.

The figure actually represents only a small portion of what Baptist bodies are doing for relief, Woyke said. The Alliance publicizes needs as they develop, and Baptist bodies are encouraged to meet the needs either through the Alliance direct or through their own mission boards or other channels open to them.

Woyke reported that the 300,000 Baptists in England have been asked to give at least a day's pay in 1969 to help the needy around the world. The council of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland has suggested that contributions, over and above all other gifts to world mission and service, be made on Good Friday, April 4, 1969.

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summer conferences and other denominational meetings should enlist program personnel and guests from other groups so as to permit "fellowship and sharing."

L. Venchael Booth of Cincinnati, a pastor and executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, was named to succeed Senator Jennings Randolph as vice chairman. Senator Randolph, of West Virginia, is a Seventh Day Baptist.

Two other officers of the Fellowship were re-elected: Frank H. Woyke as secretary and Carl W. Tiller as treasurer. Both are officers of the Baptist World Alliance, the Fellowship's parent organization.

An annual budget of \$12,900 was adopted for 1969 to pay for administrative costs. Expenses are kept nominal as the committee operates within the framework of the Baptist World Alliance headquarters office in Washington.



Rev. Alvin G. Hall

## Lowrey Mem. Calls Pastor

Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, has called Rev. Alvin G. Hall of Baton Rouge, Louisiana as pastor.

Mr. Hall is a native of Ethel, Louisiana, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hall of that city. He and Mrs. Hall and their two youngest daughters, Carole and Arlyn, arrived in Blue Mountain on November 15, and have received a warm welcome, and a traditional pounding. They are the parents of two other daughters, Beverly, and Mrs. David Shelby of Baton Rouge, La.

Mr. Hall holds his bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University, and his master's degree in Religious Education and Biblical Studies from New Orleans Seminary. He served for a number of years as pastor of First Church, Clinton, Louisiana. He moved to Blue Mountain from the Laurel Leaf Church, Baton Rouge, La., where he had served for more than eight years as pastor. During his pastorate at Laurel Leaf, he served as Chairman of the Finance Committee and clerk of the Judson Association. Hall succeeds Rev. Bill R. Peacock, who left the pastorate of Lowrey Memorial Church for foreign mission appointment to Korea.

## Two Conventions . . .

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as, but his sphere of work is the entire Southern Baptist Convention. He is well known in Mississippi for his evangelistic preaching.

Dr. Claude H. Rhea, music consultant of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., will lead Convention music along with Doug Scott of Dauphin Way Baptist Church of Mobile, Alabama.

These will be among the several outstanding leaders who will appear on program for the two days of activities for adults and youth in Mississippi's capital city.

For adults there will be a leadership convention featuring the best in inspiration from these speakers along with the best in Training Union methods from some of the best equipped workers to be found.

Top-rank leaders will be giving conference leadership for all age groups. These will include James Whaley of Kentucky; Bob Cook, Bob Taylor, Margaret Sharp, Forrest Watkins, and Nora Padgett of the Sunday School Board; Doris Morgan of North Carolina; Bill King of Texas; Mrs. Lee Gaban of Florida.

For the youth there will be a Youth Convention featuring an outstanding program of inspiration culminating in a presentation of "Good News" at the watch night service on New Year's Eve.

These conventions will be sponsored by the Training Union Department, Kermit S. King, director.



Laurel Men Witness in Utah

The pastor and five laymen from Highland Church, Laurel, recently chartered a plane (see background) and flew to Utah to engage in a crusade. Those making the trip were (left to right) Ray Moffett, Rev. Guy Reedy, Bill Powell, Richard Martin, James Bradford, and Kenneth Alfred.

## Home Board Approves \$14.9 Million Budget

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report showed that three new pilot projects — one in a planned city, one in an inner city ghetto and one in a high-rise apartment — are included in its \$14.9 million budget. Specific sites are being studied now.

Rutledge, in his annual report to the directors, said 362 mission appointments were made by the agency, 81 of which are fulltime career missionaries, 33 of which are young college graduates participating in two-year mission assignments.

The budget this year provides for an increase of about 100 missionary field personnel.

There are about 2,200 home missionaries on the field that are at least partially supported by the agency. This does not include 997 Southern Baptist chaplains endorsed by the Division of Chaplaincy. About 700 of these are military-related, and some 100 are in Vietnam.

Income for the Home Mission Board budget is provided primarily through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

The 1969 breakdown shows nearly \$5 million from the Cooperative program and about \$5.3 million from the Annie Armstrong Offering, which includes \$500,000 for Project 500, a plan to establish 500 new churches in strategic locations throughout the United States, mostly in dense population areas.

The budget reflects other receipts, such as from books and picture sales, magazine subscriptions, rentals on building space, church loans operations and insurance.

Overall, the net increase over the 1968 budget is about \$600,000.

The missions division, which includes nine of the Home Mission Boards 12 programs of work, will spend about \$9.3 million next year. Within this division, the program of language missions has the largest

budget, with an allocation of nearly \$3.4 million.

The Home Mission Board programs are:

Establishing new churches and church-type missions, pioneer missions, rural-urban missions, metropolitan missions, language missions,

Christian social ministries, work with National Baptists, work related to non-evangelicals, associational administration services (assists associations of churches in mission work), evangelism development, chaplaincy and church loans.

## Missionary Family Of 7 Drives 8,000 Kilometers To Field

A Swedish missionary family, with five children ages 4 through 12, is returning to its station in West Pakistan by automobile. The distance is about 8,200 kilometers (5,100 miles).

Rune Haakansson, a missionary of the Orebro Mission, second largest Baptist group in Sweden, set out on the trip in a second-hand Volkswagen bus. They planned to be on the road at least one month, allowing for minor delays en route.

They will sleep most of the nights in the bus and in a tent they have taken with them. A few nights, however, will be spent in hotels in order to bathe.

Their trip will take them through the following countries: Sweden, Denmark, Western Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, and West Pakistan. They are based at the city of Lahore.

This is Haakansson's third term of missionary service in West Pakistan with the Orebro Mission. He was reappointed for three years. —(EBPS)

## MISSISSIPPI

# YOUTH CONVENTION

DECEMBER 30-31, 1968 • FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON • BEGINS 2:00 P. M. MONDAY • ENDS MIDNIGHT TUESDAY

## SPEAKERS

RALPH LANGLEY, Pastor, Willow Meadow Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

HOMER MARTINEZ, Evangelist, Fort Worth, Texas



LANGLEY



MARTINEZ

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Mobile, Alabama



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**An inspirational program for the spiritual enrichment of the Youth Of Mississippi**

## PROGRAM FEATURES

"GOOD NEWS." WILL BE PRESENTED on New Year's Eve. Director is Dan Hall. Choir to be selected from over the state upon recommendation of Ministers of Music.

DRAMATIC FEATURES TO BE PRESENTED by youth from these churches: Eupora, First; Jackson, First; West Point, First; Columbus, First; Starkville, First.

YOUTH CHOIRS CHOSEN BY CECIL HARPER, Music Coordinator, will feature: Louisville, First; Tupelo, Harrisburg; Pascagoula, First; Hattiesburg, Temple; Yazoo City, First.

CECIL MCGEE WILL DIRECT RECREATIONAL FEATURES during several sessions of the conventions.

CONFERENCES ON VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE AND SOCIAL ISSUES are planned for the two afternoon sessions.

THE DEDICATED YOUTH CONFERENCE ENSEMBLE will be the featured musical group, singing at each session. Charles Muller is the director.

ORGANISTS AND PIANISTS ARE YOUNG PEOPLE who have been recommended to the Music Coordinator and who have been selected by him.

PROGRAM BEGINS MONDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:00 P.M. and concludes on Tuesday at midnight.

OPENING AND CLOSING SESSIONS ARE THE ONLY ONES which will be held jointly with the adults who will be in a Training Union Leadership Convention during the same time in the same church facilities.

PROGRAM COORDINATORS FOR THE YOUTH CONVENTION are Norman A. Rodgers and R. Kenneth Miller of the Mississippi Training Union Department.



MCGEE



HALL



RODGERS



MULLER



HARPER



MILLER



## Wm. CAREY HOMECOMING DECEMBER 14

William Carey College's Homecoming 1968 has been scheduled for Saturday, December 14, according to school officials.

The highlight of the day will be the Homecoming basketball game at 8 p. m. Saturday night in Clinton Gymnasium. The William Carey Crusaders will meet the Mississippi College team for the Homecoming game. During half time ceremonies, the 1968 Homecoming queen, Eddi Stroud, will be crowned by president J. Ralph Noonkester. Members of the court will also be presented. They are: Senior Maid, Becky Stanford; Freshman Maid, Joy Oehler; Basketball Maid, Martha Bollinger; Junior Maid, Martha Gillon; and Sophomore Maid, Jane Hamilton.

An added attraction during the half time ceremony will be the presentation of all former Carey College Homecoming queens.

The annual Alumni Association business meeting will take place at 11:00 a. m. following registration on Saturday morning in the faculty lounge of the new Wilkes Dining Hall. Bobby Hood of New Orleans, current president of the Carey Alumni Association, will preside.

The annual Alumni Banquet will be held in Wilkes Dining Hall at 1 p. m. The "Most Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" award will be presented.

Homecoming plans have been under the direction of Miss Sarah Gray, Carey graduate and present registrar.

At 3 p. m. the Scrapbook Players, under the direction of Professor Obra Quave of the speech and drama department, will present the visiting alumni with a special Christmas dramatic presentation.

From 5 until 7 on the afternoon of Homecoming, faculty and alumni will meet for a dutch supper in the faculty dining room.

An addition to the Homecoming plans for 1968 will take the form of a pre-Homecoming concert to be given on Friday evening, December 13, in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium. Dr. Sidney Buckley, 1959 alumnus and an outstanding base soloist from the faculty of Furman University, will be presented in concert.

The Junior Class is in charge of the student activities for Homecoming, and they have chosen as the theme for the 1968 event "Happiness Is."

## CANTATA AT GOODMAN

GOODMAN, Miss. — The adult - young people's choirs of Main Street Baptist Church and First Methodist Church have joined hands to present a Christmas Cantata, Sunday, Dec. 15.

Called "So Great a Gift," the cantata will begin at 8 p. m. in Main Street's sanctuary. Selections in the cantata were written by Daniel B. Thomas. David W. Young, director of bands at Holmes Junior College, will conduct the combined choirs. Rev. Dewey M. Metts, Main Street's pastor, will serve as narrator. Mrs. Robert Johnson, public school music instructor at Lexington Elementary School, will be the pianist.

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## Lottie Moon Offering In Action

Water, a precious commodity in many parts of the world, surges through this pipeline to a Baptist hospital in Africa, thanks to generous gifts by Southern Baptists to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.—Photo by Gerald Harvey



SOOTHING RELIEF to a burned boy is made possible by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Dr. Jean Dickman, medical missionary to Gaza encourages such a patient.—Photo by Al J. Stuart



A DISEASED FOOT becomes a healthy one for a Ghana national because of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Dr. George M. Faile, Jr. examines a patient with this type of ailment at the Baptist Hospital in Nalerigu, Ghana.—Photo by Joseph B. Underwood

## 'CHRISTMAS SPARKLES AT THE VILLAGE' TO BE HELD DEC. 14

On Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 o'clock P. M. in the Hester Activities Building on the campus of The Baptist Children's Village, the fourth annual presentation of "Christmas Sparkles At The Village" will be observed.

On this occasion, Jan Nix, director of the Department of Music at the Village will present combined choirs, numbering 120 boys and girls, ranging in age from 4 to 18 years in choral concert.

The children, all residents of the Village and all enrolled in the Village's ministry of Music will sing music of

## Maryland Church Calls MC Grad

A former Navy chaplain, Harold W. Sorrell, Jr., has been called to serve as pastor of Clinton Baptist Church, Woodyard Road and Clayton Lane, Clinton, Maryland. A native of the District of Columbia, he graduated from Mississippi College, 1952, and Southwestern Seminary and received a graduate degree from Southern Seminary.

He served as associate pastor of Congress Heights Baptist Church in D. C. for 3½ years prior to entering the Navy. His naval service included tours of duty in Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Okinawa, and Thailand. His last naval assignment was in Norfolk, Virginia.

The new pastor was ordained by the Fountain Memorial Baptist Church of D.C. and has served in several positions in the D.C. Baptist Convention.

Sorrell is married to the former Evelyn Fay Burkes. They have one daughter, Donna.

Presents under the Christmas tree are of less importance than the presence of Christ in the home.

the season, both sacred and secular.

"The Treble Teens" and "The Teen Choir," choral groups from the Village well-known to many Mississippi Baptist Churches will participate in the program.

"Christmas Sparkles At The Village" has come to represent one of the high hours of the year for the boys and girls at the Village.

Hundreds of guests from Jackson joined by many other friends of children outside the Jackson area have traveled to The Children's Village each year at this time to enjoy one of the better Christmas choral concerts in the Capital City.

In 1967, approximately 1,000 people were included in the audience.

Administration and music staff at the Village have cordially invited friends of music and friends of children to join in this unique and inspiring observance of the spirit of Christmas among boys and girls who make their home at The Baptist Children's Village.

The Baptist Children's Village is located on Flag Chapel Drive in Northwest Jackson, between Clinton Boulevard and West Northside Drive.



SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, Greenville, has just moved into a new plant at a new location and has just completed using the FORWARD PROGRAM for the fourth consecutive year. The first Sunday in the new building was Dedication Day for the 1968 budget. On that day they oversubscribed their budget by \$2,821.40. The 1969 budget is \$58,822.00 and \$61,643.40 was pledged. Rev. Roy Raddin is pastor.

## Hot Money Lands At Right Church On A Wrong Cue

NASHVILLE (BP) — For a while, it looked like some shy philanthropist had dumped a bundle of money on the steps of First Baptist Church here right in the middle of a budget campaign.

Fat chance! It turned out to be a bank robber getting rid of some booty-trapped loot.

Robert Snead, minister of music at the church, saw it all and leaped into action.

Snead was sitting in his upstairs office when he heard a car come to a screeching stop outside.

Looking out, he saw a red smoke pouring from the car. The driver jumped out, jerked off his coat, fanned the smoke, jumped back in, started toward the corner, stopped

again, and fanned the smoke some more.

Snead ran downstairs, thinking the car was on fire and seeking to help. The car had gone, but Snead found on the sidewalk a bundle with a genuine \$5 bill on top, but a fake money underneath. Red smoke was pouring from the bundle.

Snead called the police and five patrol cars converged on the scene. The story then began to fall into place.

A nearby branch bank had been robbed of less than \$600. The teller had given the robber a smoke bomb disguised as a packet of \$5 bills. The robber put the "money" into his coat pocket and three minutes later as he drove past the church, the bomb went off.

Snead said when he called the police, he thought that someone had bobby-trapped the money to try to kill the man, and that the bomb might yet explode outside the church.

Despite Snead's description of the car and the driver, police several days later had not located the thief.

Snead said everyone he knows, and many strangers, had kidded him about the incident, about being a non-hero and about going to any length to raise money for the church's \$586,000 budget campaign.

If he had only captured the robber, Snead might have been able to donate the reward money to the church campaign, which raised nearly \$500,000 on the first day of pledging.

When asked if he really would have given it all to the church, Snead replied, "Well, at least 10 per cent of it."



Rev. Hollis Bryant

## Bryant Accepts First Church, Juneau, Alaska

Rev. Hollis Bryant and his family left Jones County Association December 13 for Juneau, Alaska, here he will be pastor of First Baptist Church.

Mr. Bryant has pastored churches in Chickasaw, Calhoun, Winston, and Sunflower Counties in Mississippi as well as Cortaw County, Alabama. He has served as Superintendent of Missions in Winston, Scott, Riverside and Jones County Associations in Mississippi.

He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

He grew up in Calhoun County and is married to the former Eunice James. They have one daughter Charlotte; she has studied in Mexico City, done Baptist Student Mission work in Peru, and plans to graduate from Blue Mountain College in June of 1969. Charlotte is majoring in languages with Spanish as her major. She hopes to join her parents in Juneau in June.

Mr. Bryant states, "I have had nineteen very happy years in active Baptist ministry in Mississippi. Pray for us as we go to a new area of work. They say that the needs in Juneau are great. The church there does not even

## 1st Southaven Calls Cooper

Rev. Don R. Cooper is the new pastor of First Church, Southaven, in Desoto Association. He began the first week of November after a 3½ year pastorate at First Church, Crawfordsville, Arkansas.

Mr. Cooper is a native of Mississippi, having been born and raised in Jackson, graduated from Murrah High School, and from Mississippi College. He is a 1965 graduate (B. D.) from Southwestern Seminary.

He is married to the former Joy Mize of Louise. They have three children — Lea Ann 8, Donny 6, and Christi 1. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Lynton B. Cooper. His father is pastor of DeKalb Church, DeKalb.

## FREE CHOIR CONCERT SET

The Holmes Junior College Candlelight Choir will perform Thursday night, December 12, on campus.

The concert, free to the general public, will start at 8 in the Main Auditorium of the Administration Building.

Under the directorship of Foster Hollingsworth, the choir will present: "Salvation is Created," "Deep River," "My Song in the Night," "In My Father's House," "O Tannenbaum," "Good King Wenceslas," "The Blessing of Aaron," and "To Music."

have a church house of any description; the congregation is small. If you have friends in Juneau, pass their names on to us. Let us know if you have members to move to Juneau, Douglas, or Glacier Valley. We will be happy to visit them and try to enlist them in Baptist work."

New Address: Hollis V. Bryant, P. O. Box 778, Juneau, Alaska 99801.



## Glad Tidings

Amid the thanksgiving and joy of the holiday season, those of us who are privileged to live with God's children, and who are thus charged with the responsibility of their nurture and care, must acknowledge emotions of humility and concern. Without you and yours — without Christian people-friends of children — their basic needs, which is to find Jesus and his love as the permanent and total answer to the burdening questions which have beset their families for generations, cannot continue to be filled.

For these little ones, we extend the most significant greetings and best wishes of this most significant time of year. In the name of Him who was indeed the friend of children, we invite you to make the spirit of the season live for you and your family by sharing the spiritual and material warmth of your heart, hearth and home with our children now, and throughout the year.

You may accept this invitation by:

1. Making a cash contribution to our Christmas fund by mailing your check or money to The Baptist Children's Village.
2. Request the name of a child and designate a cash gift to The Village for that child—we will do the shopping for you.
3. Request the name, needs and sizes of a child, do your own shopping, and mail or deliver gifts to the child at our address.

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## The Baptist Record

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

### Liberty Or License?

Censorship and freedom have become a subject of extensive debate in Mississippi and throughout the nation. Recent decisions of the Supreme Court, and efforts to curb the mass of pornographic and other objectionable material now flooding the country have lifted the issue to heated debate. Books, magazines, films, songs, television programs, theatrical productions, and other media all have become the center of the discussion, as they carry more and more materials which are objectionable to so many people. The question raised is whether the producers of these materials have the right to pour them forth without restraint, or if society has a right to protect itself.

#### Censorship

When any effort is made to curb these things, there is an immediate outcry concerning "censorship" and "infringement" upon the liberties of people. Sometimes one even hears the foolish argument that nothing is evil unless it is looked upon with an evil mind. How ridiculous can one become? Many things are bad, evil, immoral, unclean and even filthy, when measured by any moral standard, whether that standard is from the Bible or is written into the laws of the land. The attitude of the individual who sees it does not make it good or bad. The evil is inherent in the thing itself.

Censorship is not an effort to curb the rights and liberties of people. Society has every right to protect itself from corrupting influences. Censorship is positive protection for the people, and especially for youth. It is not thought control for men may think what they please. It is only when a person begins to dispense obscenity, which may influence, and, possibly, harm others, that it becomes necessary to protect the rights of other people. This is the place of law. Our recently enacted laws in Mississippi on this matter specifically spell out what is "obscene" for youth.

#### Society Protects Itself

Society always has reserved the right to protect itself. We have laws to protect the public from contamination, disease and possible death because of impure foods and drugs. Is this curbing the rights and limiting the freedoms of those who want to prepare drugs and foods in an unsanitary or unsafe manner? Not at all.

We have laws relative to the use of alcoholic beverages. Under Mississippi law people may drink such beverages, but they may not use them in such a manner as to endanger the lives and property of others. No man's guaranteed rights are being taken away because

he is not allowed to drive on the public highways while in a drunken condition.

We have laws concerning the use of guns, fire hazards, the keeping of dogs and other animals, building codes, health and quarantine, etc. All people have certain rights, but when their freedoms infringe upon or endanger the rights of others, the law steps in and sets limits. Well it should, for freedom always is limited by the rights of others.

#### Protection Against Obscenity

This is why laws concerning obscene materials have been enacted and should be enforced. No person has any more right to dispense materials which would poison or pollute the mind, than he has to pollute the air or water systems. Parents have the right, not only to teach their children of the dangers which may be encountered in the world about them, but also to do their best to make the atmosphere of that world as clean as possible. However, when parents or other interested citizens, rise up to seek to stamp out obscene and immoral materials, immediately there is a cry concerning limiting liberty. The purveyors of such things always raise the cry of liberty when their profits are threatened. What they really are demanding is license to do as they please, rather than liberty under the law. Liberty under the law always is right, but license may not be, and never is right when it infringes upon the rights of others.

#### Legislate Righteousness?

Of course, immediately we hear the cry that you cannot legislate righteousness. True that is, but righteous, upstanding people do not have to stand idly by and allow evil forces of unrighteousness to have free rein in the community, with no effort made to do anything about it. Upright people can act too, and their efforts do get results. When communities refuse to allow evil forces to take over, they simply have better communities.

An example is national prohibition. We continue to hear people refer to it as the "noble experiment" and the "great failure." The truth is that prohibition was not a failure. It was a success, such a success that those who wanted legal liquor set out to destroy it. Under prohibition this nation closed every saloon and liquor store, and saw less drunkenness, less alcoholism, and less insanity and other diseases caused by liquor, than at any other decade in American history. Look at the records for the periods before and after national prohibition, and at the period itself, and see how successful it really was. Certainly there were bootleggers, but we still have some today. And a thousand bootleggers with their hidden stills could not produce as much liquor as even one of the multitude of giant distilleries pouring forth liquor on our nation today. In our own experience, we remember the days of prohibition. And we saw more drunk people in one day under repeal, than we saw in all the years of prohibition. That day was a holiday in our home town, soon after repeal and we were sickened by the sight, for

while we are sure there was drinking during the prohibition days, we seldom ever saw a drunk person. Yes, there were gangsters and crime in those days, but could they even be compared with the mobs in action in the great cities today? Read one of the national magazines in its report on Chicago in last week's issue. Prohibition did not fail, but good people sat down after they won it, while its opponents set out to destroy it.

#### Time For Action

The nation does not have to put up with its theatres filled with dirty "adult only" pictures. It does not have to allow its newsstands to be cluttered and overflowing with filthy books and magazines. It does not have to allow dirt to be brought into its homes night after night via the television and radio.

America will clean up when enough citizens rise up and demand that it do so. It is time now for every Christian, and every other upright citizen, to give full and firm support to law enforcement agencies which are seeking to curb these nefarious, destructive forces, and actively to participate in helping put them down. It can be done when and if we act positively and firmly.

## Christmas Gifts For Pioneer Area Pastors

The Pioneer Missions Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention has adopted a project of presenting to the pastors in the Northern Plains Convention new suits of clothes as a Christmas gift.

This is a most worthy project, and should have the support of large numbers of Mississippians who want to show their love for the mission work being done by these men in the states of Montana, Wyoming, and North and South Dakota. Many of the men are former Mississippians, or are known to many in this state, and almost all of them are serving in small churches, and at salaries which are very inadequate in the light of today's inflated economy.

Most Mississippians can spare a dollar, or even several dollars to help with this project, and not only bring joy to a pastor's heart, but also enable him to be more suitably dressed for the big task he is doing for us on a mission field.

Send your check or gift this week to Mr. Cooper Walton, 316 Robinhood Road, Jackson, Miss. Checks should be made to "Pioneer Missions Committee" and marked "Suits for Pastors."

This same committee was instrumental last year in providing suits for 39 pastors in Montana. This year they have set their goal to provide them for all of the 84 pastors in the convention of which Montana is now a part. Mississippi has been cooperating with, and helping support, work in the area, for a number of years.



\* Thousands of Americans who own stock make their choice of what to buy or not to buy on the basis of moral conviction. Mutual fund executives are being influenced by these stockholders. One pension fund will not invest in firms that do major business with the Defense Department, nor will it buy cigarette, brewing, or distilling stocks. Much of the impetus to this approach has come from the churches. For example, the United Church of Christ has made a determined effort to find out the fair-employment record of all 138 companies in which it holds stock. (Newsweek, 11-11-68)

\* Parents are avoiding responsibility when it comes to drug use and abuse by today's young people. This is the serious concern expressed recently by Robert Horan, commonwealth's attorney for Fairfax County, Virginia, which is a part of metropolitan Washington, D. C. His observation is that parents who would not hesitate to talk with their children about sex education and alcohol find it difficult to discuss the wrong use of drugs and take a "let them work it out" attitude. Horan indicated that Fairfax County officials first became alarmed about the use of drugs by young people in July 1967, when their county's crime reports showed a 320 percent increase in drug complaints over the previous year's first six months. "We are not taking time to find out why they are using drugs, what the problems are. Maybe we have worried too little about cultivating meaningful outlets, like having them work around the home..." he added. He goes on to say, "Every generation tends to gravitate to the forbidden fruit of the time. In the 1930s, it was cigarettes; in the 1950s, it was booze; in the 1960s, it's drugs." Horan concludes by saying that while it is known that from 3 to 5 percent of those who use alcohol wind up with serious problems, no one really knows the eventual toll of drug abuse. (Richmond Times-Dispatch, 11-12-68)

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### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

December 16 — Mattie C. McMillan, Clarke College faculty; Bill Stroup, Baptist student director, Jones Junior College.

December 18 — J. P. Everett, Pearl River Training Union director; Ann Pearce, staff, Children's Village.

December 19 — Zeno Wells, supt. of missions, Jackson County; J. N. Holloway, Choctaw County supt. of missions.

December 20 — Marjean Patterson, Mrs. Daphne Pridgen, Joy Pickering, Mrs. Esteen Quinn, Mrs. JoAnn Redding, Baptist Building employees.

December 21 — B. Frank Smith, Carey College faculty; Corrinne Hudspeth, staff Blue Mountain College.

December 22 — Ruth B. Parker, Baptist Book Store; J. C. Renfro, Education Commission.

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### A Single Second

By Dr. Charles Myers  
Pastor  
Alta Woods  
Jackson

Some time ago I got on a plane in Minneapolis. Our first stop was to be in Kansas City. It was a beautiful day. The sun had been up about thirty minutes and had bathed the earth with a golden glow. The air was cool but not too cold. There was no wind at all. From all appearances we were in for a pleasant flight. Breakfast was to be served on the flight so I read the morning paper and waited for time to take off.

The time came and no one seemed to notice it. The doors were still open; the crew was not on board. The stewardess announced over the intercom that breakfast would be served immediately while we were still on the ground. Finally we were informed that the Kansas City area was covered by fog and planes were not landing or taking off there. Since our flying time to Kansas City was only one hour we could not leave Minneapolis until it was clear in Kansas City. So I sat there eating a delicious breakfast in a very leisurely manner thinking what a difference one hour can make.

But it does not really take an hour to make a great difference. We are told that "in the twinkling of an eye," life as we know it here shall end and eternity shall be ushered in, and what a difference that instant is going to make. All of those physical things to which most people have devoted their whole existence will be gone. Only that which is spiritual will be left and our lives will be lived in a spiritual atmosphere.

For many people this change will be wonderful. They will move into the presence of God where all is perfection. There will be no heartache, no sorrow, no sickness, and no death. Instead there will be perfect happiness, peace of heart and mind, and far richer fellowship than they have ever known before. They will have the assurance that nothing can ever change their condition but that they shall dwell in this perfect

### The Way It Will Read for Many Americans



state forever. For others the change will be one that brings misery. There will be heartache and suffering. There will be darkness, frustration, and pain. There will be constant remorse, the remembering of the opportunities that were just left. These also will have the assurance that this new existence will never end, but that through all eternity they will suffer just as they are now. These would give all they had ever owned if they could recall that second that had made the change, but this will be impossible. The change made will have become permanent.

No one knows just when this moment of change will take place but we know that the time is coming. The intelligent thing then, in the light of this certain change, is to be prepared for it. By this we mean be certain, that the change is for good instead of bad. To do this one must come to a positive experience with Jesus Christ, where one in faith commits his life and soul to Him. If we do this, when time for the change comes, He will usher us into the presence of God where we can live forever in this state of perfection. If we refuse to accept Christ, the change will move us into a place of separation from God where all we can expect is constant agony. Oh, what a difference this single second is going to bring. Make certain the change is a good one for you. Make sure by trusting Christ as Lord and Saviour.

## New Sacred Records

YOUTH  
THE JIMMY OWENS  
SINGERS TURN ON THE  
WORLD OF YOUTH (Word,  
W-3434-LP)

A group of young people present modern, Christian music, of the type so popular with young people right now. All of the numbers are new, especially written for this singing group, but they will appeal to Christian youth.

WE'RE HAPPY CHRISTIANS—the Lowell Lundstrom Team (Canaan, stereo—CAS—9054—LP)

A gospel singing quartet, two men and their wives, present their witness for Christ through voices, and stringed instruments. All of the songs, except one were written by team members.

TIME OUT — A CHRISTIAN FOLK MUSICAL — J. T. Adams and the Fireside Singers (Word, W-3424-LP)

A popular Texas singing group presents a Youth Folk Musical. These songs are "teen-age" songs with teen-age styling. This album will appeal to youth.

BUDDY PAGE, SINGING RAGE (Word, Stereo W-3433-LP, mono W-3433-LP)

A young singer with great appeal for youth, accompanied by Jimmy Owen Singers, and an Orchestra, presents some of the numbers so popular with Christian youth today. Included are He's Everything

HIGLEY'S VERSE BY  
VERSE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
LESSON COMMENTARY,  
1963 (Lambert Huffman Publishers, Winona Lake, Ind., 500 pp., \$3.25)

This Sunday school lesson commentary is jam-packed with materials for the teacher; it includes at least ten pages for each of 52 lessons. (International Uniform Lesson Series). Some of the many features with each lesson are the teaching outline; the real life illustration; the evangelistic emphasis; the superintendent's sermonette; the weekday problems; the sentence sermon; and the pump primer. The latter is a list of ten questions to promote discussion. Other Higley supplements are the scripture index; the special day select-

to Me, When I've Done My Best, I Shall Know Him, Way Down Deep, The Old Account, and Others.

THE NEW WORLD SINGERS (Word, Stereo WST-8447-LP)

A group of college young people who have toured the world under the auspices of Youth For Christ, sing in the style so popular with modern Christian youth, some of the splendid Christian songs giving Youth's witness for Christ.

Sermons and Messages  
THE SHAPE OF THINGS  
TO COME by Gwinn Turner. (Americana, LPMS - 2023) Leadership Development, Box 1042, Vicksburg, Miss., 39180, \$4.95.

The pastor of Bomar Avenue Baptist Church, Vicksburg, presents a survey of the Book of Revelation. In a dramatic chapter-by-chapter presentation, with organ music by David Tyson in the background, the whole book of Revelation is interpreted. The message exalts Jesus Christ as the great Priest-King, and tells of the wonders of his glorious return, and the things of the end of world, and the future. A most helpful study of prophetic truth.

or, which gives art and ideas for making each Sunday special; Bible maps; and the lesson in song.

1969 AROUND THE WORLD INSPIRATIONAL APPOINTMENT CALENDAR (Word Books, boxed, \$2.95)

This very beautiful appointment calendar book is illustrated with numerous pictures of scenes from around the world. Photography is by Russ Bussy, chief photographer for The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Each page also contains a provocative quotation. The cover photo is in full color, as well as several others inside the book.

THESE UNITED STATES, The Reader's Digest Family Reference Series (Reader's Digest Association, Pleasantville, N. Y.)

This huge family reference book of our nation's geography, history, and people, includes 500 maps, charts, and illustrations in full color, plus indexes with 46,000 entries. The book was prepared under the direction of, and in consultation with, Dr. Charles B. Hitchcock, director emeritus of the American Geographical Society, and more than forty outstanding authorities. There are 64 pages of maps and descriptive text on the states; 46 pages of articles on the people of America; 56 pages on the American land; and a three-page panorama of the United States in relief. Thousands of questions about the people of America are answered in significant articles about the exploration of America, the story of the "Way West," the spread of religion, the legend-

ary Americans, the political growth of the country, the rise in education, the remarkable improvements in health conditions, etc. There are stories of geology, of natural wonders and parks, of climate, industries, communications, transportation, archaeology, zoology, and countless other subjects. In other words, it is an exceedingly valuable reference book, overwhelming in its store of information on the United States.

TEAM TEACHING WITH THE SCOTTS AND BARTONS by Jerry Holcomb (Judson Press, paperback, 127 pp., \$2.50)

Experience the thrill of creative teaching in the church school through this adventure with two young couples who discover on a camping trip a group spirit that they are able to carry over into their third- and fourth-grade classes back home. This book for those who minister with children in the church includes diagrams and charts to help the reader visualize how team teaching is done.

THE BEATITUDES, A CONTEMPORARY MEDITATION, by George A. Buttrick (Abingdon, 63 pp., \$2.50)

Dr. Buttrick adds new depths of beauty and meaning to these familiar passages from Matthew 5. For him they "invite us to joy; they open up on tomorrow; they raise agonizing questions with no easy answers." "Yet," he says, "it is only in his mystery that we can come to know our need for God and be found in him." The small volume, exquisitely bound, is illustrated with drawings.

## The Baptist Forum

Dear Sir:

When an institution is condemned publicly, it deserves a public defense. I am disturbed about the letters critical of the September issue of Window.

Before passing judgment on the old practice of bundling, one should study it, and he will find it was practiced not among immoral people, but among those of the highest moral standards. This old custom is quaint to our eyes, but not immoral. Read it again. However, if it is im-

proper to mention it to our young ladies they should also be shielded from the story of Ruth and Boaz.

But I suspect that the main trouble is with the rest of the issue; and I can only say, "How long will the Lord's lovely pink-and-white-skinned children keep turning purple whenever His black-skinned children are spoken of as worthy of their love and respect and friendship?"

Yours truly,  
Louise Harrison  
Gulfport, Miss.





**TYPICAL SCENE** in Mbeya, Tanzania where young student medical missionary Brenda Royals of Lumberton helped care for the Masai tribe last summer.



**WORKING AS AN ASSISTANT NURSE** — in Tanzania at a Baptist Hospital in Mbeya, Brenda Royals of Lumberton helped care for patients in the wandering Masai tribe. During her summer there, the Lamar County coed also taught health education classes. Miss Royals, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Royals of Lumberton, was selected competitively for her 10 week assignment, part of the mission program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## What It's All About

This fall, when they returned to their home after seeing the third of their four children off to school in the States, a missionary couple found the following note on the dressing table of the 18-year-old daughter:

Dear Mother and Daddy:

There have been many years and many experiences, many you know and many you don't. But the result is fairly evident, and I want to thank you for things in general. There have been times that being an MK was a pain; but not being one would make me someone else, and you also. And that would be far more of a pain. Best of all is your love, because now I know how to love and so many kids I know don't. So, for always,

Thank you and much love

P.S.—Isn't that what this mission business is all about?



## Youth Day At Amity

Amity Church, Chickasaw County, plans to observe Youth Day every fifth Sunday. The first of these was held September 29, when the young people (top photo) took charge of the various services of the day. Robert Eaton, at right, in bottom photo delivered the morning message. Gary Huffman, at left, bottom photo, delivered the evening message. Pat Eaton, center, bottom photo, was Young People's leader in Sunday school, and presented the general assembly program for Training Union, assisted by a group of Primaries. Youth leaders, (pictured with the young people in top photo) who assisted with the planning and presentation were the pastor, Rev. Carl Morris; the Young People's Training Union leader, Miss Loreas Eaton; and the Young People's Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Lorene Huffman.



A class in religious education from Mississippi College recently visited the Baptist Building in Jackson and are seen in the office of the Baptist Record. Leading the group was Dr. Norman O'Neal, professor of religious education. The visit was in the interest of the "in-service" training program sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department under direction of Therman V. Bryant, associate.

# Today's Youth

## Mississippi Medics Practice In Africa

After a summer stint in a land where local medics pitch "divining" bones to diagnose illness, two University Medical Center students find America's conventional methods a shade on the dull side.

Caring for the sick is still a show business art in Africa. Van Williams of Pontotoc and Brenda Royals of Lumberton say. "For pure flair and staging," they agree, "a modern M.D. can't come near a witch doctor."

In 10 weeks of mission medicine, neither actually saw a working witch doctor. "By law, they're illegal," Williams explains, "so they practice behind barred bamboo doors, away from nonbelievers."

But both saw the after-effects of the doctor as a prime contributor to Africa's health problems.

On the African continent under the Southern Baptist Convention's summer student mission program, Williams worked as an assistant doctor in Sanyati, Rhodesia, and Miss Royals as an assistant nurse in Tanzania at Mbeya. Though they helped care for patients of different tribes, they found common health needs. "Poor hygiene and malnutrition rank at the top as leading causes of illness," Williams, a senior in the School of Medicine, observed.

Miss Royals adds that "getting patients to come in for treatment is part of the problem. They'll go first to a tribal witch doctor and let him cast his divining bones to find out what evil spirit has been offended."

"Occasionally," Williams said, "we even got a referral from a witch doctor. But a patient never had to tell us he'd seen his local medicine man first. Almost all our patients came in with cuts—even slashes—on their bodies, made to let the evil spirits out."

"Basic training on self-care and sanitation is needed," Miss Royals, a senior nursing student, said. "More outlying clinics would also help," Williams added. "Patients frequently have to foot it across 50 or 60 miles of battering bush country to even get to medical aid."

At her post at a Baptist hospital in southwest Tanzania, Miss Royals helped care for the Masais, a tribe that wanders from place to place looking for pasture and water for their livestock.

"The cattle aren't for food," she says. "They're kept for trading purpose — mainly to barter for wives. Many Masai men still have more than one."

"Their diet consists of bananas, sugar cane — which is peeled with their teeth rather than a knife — and a mixture of corn and water. They eat little meat, except zebra occasionally, so diseases from protein deficiencies are common."

The lack of protein in their diets, Williams noted, hinders children the hardest. "They get a disease called kwashiorkor," making them look potbellied and lose skin color. If another serious illness strikes them, they usually don't make it."

"I didn't clean teeth. I pulled them," Williams said.



**STUDENT MEDIC IN AFRICA** — University of Mississippi School of Medicine senior Van Williams spent 10 weeks this summer at Sanyati Baptist Hospital in Rhodesia on a Southern Baptist Convention student mission assignment. The only medical students in the nation given such a post this year, Williams helped care for the Mashona tribe at the hospital and in outlying bush clinics. Both he and his wife, the former Sarah McGlamery of Ripley, who served as hospital secretary and teacher in the children's music programs, taught Bible classes at the mission.



**IN 10 WEEKS OF MISSION MEDICINE** — Van Williams found health needs and problems common to any people where poverty and a lack of education are barriers to a better life. Here with one of his Mashona patients and a nurse aide, Williams was based at the Sanyati Baptist Hospital in Rhodesia. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wagner Williams of Pontotoc.

allowed to take her husband's last name. She has to wait for the birth of her first child and then take his first as her last.

But Africa is becoming more aware of its needs and its long-neglected rich natural resources. Countries are trying to solve their problems and up the standard of living for the people. In Tanzania Miss Royals says training programs are underway to ease the medical manpower shortage. Williams found Rhodesia is building irrigation systems to enable the people to farm throughout their frequently long dry seasons. "Agricultural teaching," he points out, "goes along with the program."

Back in school now, the two students count their summer a vital experience. Neither health nor social problems are all that different the world over," Williams observed.

The Sanyati mission has five mission families, and also five African families, who are employed in various ways as medical aides, etc. There are about 100 school children at the mission.

Miss Royals lived with Dr. and Mrs. Bob Laffoon (and their four boys) in Mbeya.

She often helped with the mission devotions and Sunday School. She also played pump organ for the hospital devotions.

Ten to 24 per cent of the people (the Masais) she helped care for are at least nominally Christian. Those remaining are either Muslim or pagan.

## YWA PINS 43 AT SANYATI

Forty-three members of Young Woman's Auxiliary at the Sanyati Baptist mission station; in Rhodesia, received pins during a ceremony which climaxed their first house party, November 1-3. This was the first group of girls in Rhodesia to have completed the requirements for the pin.

The house party also featured study of the YWA manual, taught by Mrs. Samuel L. Jones, Southern Baptist missionary, plus a banquet and fashion show, at which the YWA uniform was modeled.

The Sanyati YWA, which is less than two years old, is directed by Mrs. Ralph L. Rummage, also a missionary.



## Clarke Ministerial Students

Clarke College has 74 students who are preparing for the ministry. Those who could be present for the above picture, along with a few members of faculty and staff are as follows: front row, left to right — Elford Holcomb, Tupelo; Sherman Barnett, State Springs; Travis Polk, Forkville; J. W. Baker, Jr., Bruce; Henry Welch, Pascagoula; John Patterson, Carnegie, Oklahoma; Chester Keene, Jerseyville, Ill.; Joe Holcomb, Newton; Leland Alsworth, Marietta, Ga.; second row: Gordon Cooper, Opelika, Ala.; L. D. Brown, Alligator; James Donnell Brown, Newton; John Stone, Chancellor, Ala.; Kenneth Rhodes, Little Rock; Glenn Miller, Birmingham, Ala.; Wayne Griffith, Louisville, Ky.; Ray Brooks, Grenada; Bruce Knight, Tupelo; Harold Schmidt, Arabi, La.; Rickie Holloway, Calhoun City; third row: Kerry Sartain, Oakman, Ala.; Wendell Hendricks, Moro, Ill.; Frank Morgan, Oak Grove, La.; Kenneth Harrison, Little Rock; Ronnie Baker, Tupelo; Marion Seaney, Jackson; Dr. John F. Carter, Dr. O. P. Moore, fourth row: Roger Griffith, Napa; Danny Lee, Fairfield, Ala.; Frank Cayson, Tupelo; Donald Sharp, Newton; Luther Johnson, Newton; Jerry Skinner, Philadelphia; Louis Tate, Mt. Vernon, La.; fifth row: Ronnie Mercer, Conehatta; Mike Aldridge, Jackson; Dewayne Tanton, Saraland, Ala.; Rush Gunn, Carthage; Gilbert Lee, Columbus; L. D. Jones, Forest; Jerome McLendon, Hazlehurst; sixth row: Clarence Cooper, Etta; Touffe Batareah, Jerash, Jordan; Thomas Thornton, Newton; Roger Stockel, Jerseyville, Ill.; Jerry Westbrook, Newton; Billy McCreary, West; Richard Waddell, Anniston, Ala.; seventh row: Clifton Myers, Magee; Larry Gatewood, Jackson; Troy Massey, Newton; Jackie Dean Alexander, Cordova, Ala.; Woodrow Horn, Tishomingo; Bobby Long, Newton.

## Painting Given Leesburg

## Juniors In Memory Of Jimmy Owen

On Sunday, Nov. 24, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Owen presented to the Junior Department of the Leesburg Church the painting, "Christ Knocking at the Door," in memory of their son, Jimmy, who was killed in an automobile accident in May.

The brief service was a part of the regular morning worship service.



## R. A. GET-ACQUAINTED FALL ROUNDUP BANQUET

Thursday evening, November 7, the Royal Ambassadors and their leaders of First Church, Wiggins, had a Banquet in the Fellowship Hall. The boys and their leaders provided a program about the Royal Ambassador work to about 100 people. The banquet dinner was prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Hullett Skinner, Mrs. Dotts Douglas and Mrs. Charles Henderson.

The boys decorated the banquet room in Western Style. The leaders are Charles Henderson, Dr. W. C. Maples, Gary Cockerham, Emmett Vreeland, Mike Black, Tommy Koch, Frank Baker, and Andy Anderson. The R. A. Committee members are: Charles Henderson, C. L. Farr and Norman McRaney. Rev. J. Ray Grissett is pastor.

## Parkview Sings "Good News" At Valley Hill

"Good News" was presented on November 19 at Valley Hill Church, Carroll County, by youth singers from Parkview Church, Greenville, under direction of Larry Cox, Mississippi College student and minister of education at Parkview.

Rev. George Jones, Valley Hill pastor, said, "Good News" was like a revival, as we had 24 decisions, 20 by young people and four by adults. I would like to recommend Larry and these young people to any church. They will be a blessing."



## High Scout Honor

The God and Country award was presented to Robert C. (Louie) Lang in a ceremony at First Church, Crystal Springs. Louie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Lang, a life scout of Troop 156, James Freels, Scout Master. Presentation was made by Rev. A. Estus Mason, pastor of First Church. This award was the first ever made to a member of the First Church, Crystal Springs. Pictured is Mrs. Lang pinning the medal on her son. Others in the photo are Rev. Mason, left, and Mr. Lang on the right.



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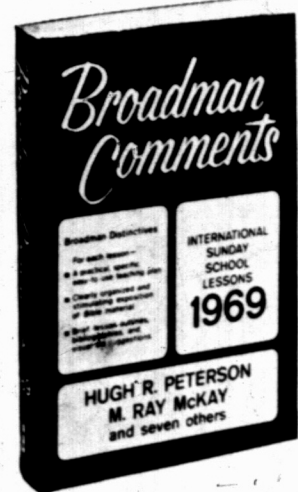
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Judah. The Lamb alone can open the book of destiny for the book of the future, as we learn from chapter 5. Chapter 6 tells of the opening of the seals of God's judgments. The question arises as to what happens to Christ's followers. In chapter 7 we learn that they are made safe by the sealing of God and that they come after death to the indescribable blessedness of heaven. The visions and symbols of our lesson impress the truth of God's sovereignty in Christ, of God's certain judgment upon the enemies of his cause, and of the final blessedness of those who have suffered tribulation for the name of Christ.

The Lesson Explained  
Safe In The Keeping of God

We learn from chapter 6 of the terror of an impenitent world and of the futile effort to escape divine judgment. Now there is an interlude, described in chapter 7, before the opening of the seventh seal. John tells of the four angels of divine judgment standing on the four corners of the earth. Another angel asked them to hold back their judgment until the servants of God are sealed. The seal of God is placed on their foreheads to protect them. This does not spare them from physical suffering, but it insures them of preservation through suffering. Not one will be lost. The 144,000 of the tribes of Israel and the "great multitude," which no man could number" (v. 9) are not necessarily to be separated as Jews and Gentiles or as two groups, one on earth and one heaven. The vision is rather to be thought of as one. Believers on earth and the redeemed in heaven are the church universal. The seal upon God's servants is an indication of his ownership and his protection.

The Praise of the Redeemed  
Verses 9-12

The innumerable throng in heaven is made up of people of all nations. They come from all the kindreds and peoples of the earth. They are the trophies of God's redemptive love and Christ's redemptive sacrifice, without distinction as to race or class, all representatives of God's love for all the world. Their white robes

Acts 28:16-31  
By Bill Duncan

The book of Acts ends with a note of victory. To many people, the thought of Acts is not completed and much speculation has been given about what happened to Paul after this time. To Paul and Luke, the writers, the book comes to a logical conclusion. For as Paul is in prison in Rome his end is not so important. The Gospel has reached the center of the world and is being freely proclaimed. The final verse which reads in the King James version, "with all confidence, no man forbidding him." A better translation of these same words is, "with complete freedom of speech and without let or hindrance."



A very noted authority on the book of Acts has influenced me to see that the theme of the book is overcoming the hindrances of the Gospel. For years, some have said that the book of Acts is the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit." However, important the role of the Holy Spirit may be, it is easily seen that there are 11 chapters in which the Holy Spirit is not mentioned. Some have thought that the book records the "Acts of the Apostles." However, of the early 12 mentioned in the early chapters, nine are never heard from again. The theme of the universal Gospel keeps on overcoming one hindrance after another, geography, social barriers, racial barriers, ceremonial barriers, adversity, and spiritual hindrances.

The Gospel must not be contained or bound if it is to spread. The best way to extinguish the fire of the Gospel is to contain it in our hearts. The hardest way to preach the Gospel is to preach it bound in spirit or have it bound with laws or rules. PHYSICAL HINDRANCES Most of us would believe that a jail or house confinement would present a hindrance to the Gospel. However, this physical hindrance to Paul became an opportunity to witness as never before. While he was in these quarters, the soldiers were bound to him and many were converted from his message or witness. Of course, his travel was cut off so he continued to write letters, which we have today. The Gospel had over-

come many barriers so that the shackles were no hindrance to Paul. It was strange that Paul's audiences and friends could go in to Paul and hear him teach and preach. He was given great liberty in that the proclamation continued. At least, the preacher missionary did not run off to another field just when things got started.

One writer spoke of the financial hindrance that Paul overcame. Much of Paul's support was what he provided himself. He worked with his hands to provide the needs. It could have been that Paul provided this house, with the help of friends, for his imprisonment.

Paul's health could have proven a hindrance to some people, if they had what he had. The services of a personal physician were helpful in keeping his body going. The price of progress had weighed hard upon his health.

As always, the physical hindrances are not as hard to overcome as the spiritual. Many times our own spiritual condition becomes a hindrance to the Gospel. We shackle the Gospel with our lack of concern. We turn others away with our lack of love, unforgiveness, and immature spirits.

Paul wrote a letter to Philémon in an effort to get him to treat the runaway slave as a brother. However, this was harder than one might suspect. Onesimus was a slave who needed to know that Philémon, a fellow Christian, would accept him back as a slave without punishment. Paul felt that Onesimus would be a better servant now that he was a Christian. But Paul wanted Philémon to treat him just as he would treat Paul if he came to visit him and charge the wrong that Onesimus had committed to Paul's account. Why did the bill for this man's wrong go to Paul? Paul did not have an account for wrongs. So Paul used this means to beg for forgiveness from Philémon.

The way we treat new Christians will determine their usefulness in later years. This experience will cause them to grow or be stunted. There are many spiritual hindrances, but there is none so harmful as unconcern or lack of love. When we do not have love, we hinder the Gospel. When we do not have concern, we need to pray for forgiveness that can move the barrier.

are symbolic of their perfect purity and holiness, all made clean by the blood of the Lamb. With exultant joy they ascribe praise to God and to the Lamb, acknowledging the wonder and mercy of their salvation. The redeemed share the realm of glory with the angels, and the angels join in praise as they answer the chorus of the saints with a sevenfold doxology: "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."

The Martyrs In Glory  
Verses 13-17

The question asked of John by one of the elders was meant simply to open the way to tell him about those "arrayed in white robes." They are the martyrs of the faith—past, present, and future. The reference is not to a special period of tribulation connected with the consummation of the age, but to the suffering involved—in many cases martyrdom, but in many cases less terrifying ordeals—in living the Christian life in fidelity to the cross of Christ. The redeemed have been made worthy of their inheritance through the blood of the Lamb; and now they appear in the spotless robes of perfect righteousness. Their blessedness, however, is not idleness. They serve God day and night, doing what is appropriate for the fulfillment of the purpose of God. Every aspiration and every need of life are satisfied—there is no hunger, no thirst, no discomfort. The Lamb is also the Shepherd, providing for them and leading them by the river of the water of life. Suffering and sorrow are things of the past, as God with tenderest comfort wipes away the tears.

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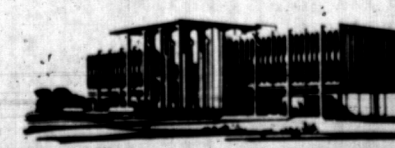


Film team at British Museum

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DR. AND MRS. J. NORRIS PALMER of First church, Baton Rouge, La., hold a framed copy of a double-page advertisement purchased by members of the church in the two Baton Rouge daily newspapers upon his 35th anniversary this fall. Making the presentation was Warren O. Watson, former chairman of deacons and longtime member of the church. Palmer is a native of Blue Mountain, Miss., and Mrs. Palmer of Hernando, Miss.

## LOUISIANA'S "DEAN OF PASTORS" WAS BORN AT BLUE MOUNTAIN

BATON ROUGE, La. — Dr. J. Norris Palmer, a native of Blue Mountain, Miss., but a Louisiana pastor for nearly 40 years, was honored this fall upon his 35th anniversary of the state's largest Baptist church, First of Baton Rouge.

Dr. Palmer is now dean of all Baptist pastors in Louisiana in tenure in one church. He is also the minister with the longest continuous service among preachers of all denominations serving in more than 200 churches in Baton Rouge.

First church had a membership of just over 2,500 when he came as pastor the first Sunday in September, 1933. Now the membership is more than 6,200. The 1933 budget was less than \$16,000 as compared with this year's anticipated expenditures of more than \$562,000.

One of the highlights of Dr. Palmer's 46-year career as a pastor, he said recently, was the merger of Baton Rouge's two downtown Baptist churches a year ago April.

The combined value of the properties of the two churches was estimated at \$3 million.

Dr. Palmer's ministry has been enriched by his world travels which began in 1923. He has made 21 trips to points outside the United States, visiting 125 countries and territories, including every nation in South, Central and North America. He has preached or spoken in 500 places, at least two points on every continent in the world. On one occasion he preached to the congregation of the largest Baptist church in Poland. He has visited the Holy Land six times.

His service on state and Southern Baptist denominational boards and agencies cover many capacities and years. He has been president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, a 17-year member of

the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, an eight-year member of the convention's executive board and a six-year member of the Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Palmer is the son of Mrs. Mamie Leora Norris Palmer, now of Memphis, and the late David M. Palmer. He had three brothers, Dave and Ernest, both deceased, and Robert who is pastor of a church in Kentucky.

His early education was at the Practice School at Blue Mountain College, and Mississippi Heights Academy. He was graduated from Mississippi College in 1920 and received the Th.B. and Th.M. from Southern Seminary in 1922 and 1928, respectively.

Mississippi College conferred the honorary DD degree in 1931, and Louisiana College added the LL.D. degree in 1949.

The name of Dr. Palmer's great-grandfather's plantation was Blue Mountain and the first dormitory at the college was the old antebellum home on the plantation.

His grandfather on his mother's side was a sawmill operator who cut the lumber for the first permanent building at the college.

Dr. Palmer met his wife, the former Margaret Emerson of Hernando, while she was a student at Blue Mountain. They were married in 1924 while he pastored the Hollandale church.

He moved to the Speedway Terrace church in Memphis later that year, and remained at this church until 1929 when he went to the First church of Mansfield, La.

During his 35th anniversary month here in September, Dr. Palmer was honored at a church-wide banquet at the LSU Union. The Louisiana Baptist Convention's official publication, the Baptist Message, used his picture on the

cover of its Sept. 5 issue and included a full-length feature on his ministry.

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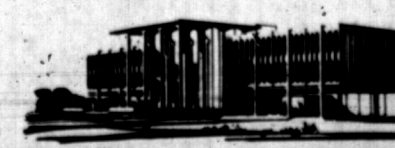
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Isaiah 40:1-11

By Brooks H. Wester, Pastor, First, Hattiesburg

More than 150 years ago Captain Meriwether Lewis and Lt. William Clark received permission from the United States government to explore the newly acquired territory from the Mississippi river to the Pacific ocean in the Northwest. The journey required one and a half years. That same trip can be made by automobile today in a matter of a few days because there are straight highways where the Lewis and Clark party found only narrow trails at best. The valleys are now exalted and the hills and mountains have been brought low.

The prophet Isaiah did not have modern highway construction in mind when he spoke of preparing the way for the coming of the Lord. He did urge the people of God to make possible the blessings of God to flow from the heart of God to the hearts of men and humble dedication from man to God. He did have this kind of roadbuilding in mind.

We can make straight highways today only as we follow the example of the prophet in preaching of God's comforting grace to the troubled times. We too can be the voice crying in the wilderness of our day as was John the Baptist in preparing the way of the Lord Jesus. Our world needs desperately to know the one who, "shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." This is work in which every Christian should be engaged each day of life.

Thomas Carlyle once wrote: "How did Christianity rise and spread among men? Was it by institutions and establishments and well arranged systems of mechanism? No! It arose in the mystic depths of men's souls; and was spread by the preaching of the Word by simple and altogether natural individual efforts, and flew like hallowed fire from heart to heart."



### MAGNOLIA PARK AWARDS PINS

Magnolia Park Church, Jackson, has awarded Sunday school perfect attendance pins to five persons with records above five years, and three others. Front row, left to right: Janice Allen, one year; Melissa Jean Williams, seven years; Madolyn Allen, one year; second row, left to right: Rev. Jasper Collins, pastor, five years; Joe Buffington, six years; Mrs. Ester Buffington, four years; Royce Williams, seven years; and Ricky Buffington, seven years.

## Names In The News

Mrs. William H. Ross, a native of Laurel, now of Huntsville, Alabama, is the writer of the Adult Assembly Programs, Life and Work, in the December issue of Sunday School Builder.

Rev. Stewart Arnold, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and formerly of England, taught the Book of Isaiah to 25 ministers at the November meeting of Lebanon Baptist Ministers' Association, held at Temple Church, Hattiesburg. The December meeting was held on the 2nd at McLain Church.

Sons and daughters of missionaries were speakers during Foreign Missions Week of Prayer December 1-8 at First Church, Clinton. The young missionary speakers all students at Mississippi College, were Sandra Foster, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James A. Foster, missionaries in Baguio, Philippines; Helen Whitten, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionaries in Madrid, Spain, now on furlough; Ralph Bethea, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Bethea, missionaries in Bangalore, India, now on furlough; and Curtis Ferrell, son of Rev. and Mrs. William Ferrell, missionaries in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The church's Lottie Moon Offering goal is \$5500.

Mrs. Thomas E. Thurman, missionary to East Pakistan, was speaker on December 1 at First Church, Crystal Springs. She spoke at the morning service and in the evening showed colored slides of the work in East Pakistan. The church's Lottie Moon Offering goal is \$3000.

Rev. Jimmy Fitzjerrell, Mississippi College student, has accepted a call as pastor of Shivers Church, Simpson County.

Rev. Jack Cranford has accepted a call as pastor of New Bethlehem Church in Simpson County, and has moved into the new parsonage there.

Dr. Gail DeBord is the new pastor at First Church, Long Beach. A graduate of New Or-

leans Seminary, he is resigning as pastor at Slidell, La., and will move on the new field by January 1.

Dr. R. E. Darby has resigned as pastor of Bayou View Church, Gulf Coast.

Rev. O. Oglesbee, who recently resigned at Trinity, Biloxi, has accepted a call to Oakcrest Church, Pensacola, Fla. A recent ear operation performed on him was most successful.

Rev. and Mrs. Ira S. Perkins, missionaries to North Brazil, are coming to the States on leave (address: Rte. 1, Hernando, Miss., 38632). Born in Belen, Miss., he lived in Panola County-Mississippi, and Shelby County, Tennessee, while growing up; she is the former Bettye Williams, of Hernando.

Mrs. Trudie Mills, employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (Mailing Department, Baptist Building, Jackson) for the past six years, was married on November 17 to W. H. B. Jones of Hattiesburg. The wedding took place in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. P. Buchanan, Route 6, Hattiesburg. The bride wore aqua crepe, with an orchid corsage. Dennis Coniff, Jr., associate, state Sunday School Department, and Dennis Coniff, III, education director, Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are living at 109 North 24th Avenue, Hattiesburg.

Pastor William Forde, 89, who led English-speaking congregations in the Port Limon area of Costa Rica for 61 years, died November 3. At one time he worked with 12 churches, having a total of 500 members and an equal number in Sunday School.

Dr. Frank W. Patterson, missionary and director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., for more than 25 years, has received an award for outstanding alumni achievement from the Bison Association of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

## MISSISSIPPIAN

### 1893 Graduate Of Judson Plays Piano At Alumnae Centennial Celebration

MARION, Ala. — A beloved Mississippian lent special grace to the centennial celebration of her college alumnae association this November in Huntsville, Ala.

Mrs. Mamie Carter Crumpton, an 1893 graduate of Judson College, played three Chopin preludes as a special feature of the Judson alumnae anniversary banquet, sharing the spotlight with another Judson Girl, Metropolitan Opera soprano Irene Jordan.

Music lovers from Atlanta chartered a plane to attend the banquet.

Playing for the centennial was one more milestone in the event-filled life of Mrs. Crumpton, who has taught music for almost 75 years.

Jefferson Davis once shook her hand and patted her head at a Confederate reunion in Meridian. Enrico Caruso drew her a self-portrait in 1913 in Atlanta, using ink dipped from a hotel inkwell with a toothpick.

A Meridian paper headlined her return from Europe after study overseas with some of music's greats. As Mamie Carter she was assistant professor of music at Judson, the



Mamie Carter Crumpton

Alabama Baptist woman's college, until her marriage to Will Crumpton in 1908. The couple then moved to Evergreen, Ala. where he practiced law.

Waiting for her, she recalls, were a rather large house, a magnificent new ebony Steinway grand piano, and a Cadillac horseless carriage.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Crumpton returned to Mississippi, first to Tupelo, then to Meridian.

For many years she played the organ for Jewish services on Friday nights and for her

own Baptist services on Sunday mornings, plus playing on occasion for Episcopalians, Methodists, and others.

"She estimates that she has given private music lessons to 1500 boys and girls," wrote Elizabeth Carter Watters in 1965 in a book about Mrs. Crumpton (LIFE AND LETTERS OF MAMIE CARTER CRUMPTON). "Many honors have been given her, but her greatest satisfaction is in seeing her pupils respond to her love of music by finding a love of it within themselves and working to develop it."



### Carey's Music Department Receives Accreditation

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE president J. Ralph Noonkester (seated) received exciting news by phone from Washington, D. C. Donald Winters, chairman of Carey's department of music, phoned the news that the National Association of Schools of Music had given William Carey College full accreditation. With Dr. Noonkester are members of Carey music faculty. From left: Dr. Benjamin Dunford, Mrs. Jennie Lou Breland, Mrs. Nancy Dunford, Mrs. Helen McWhorter, Dr. James Casey, Miss Josephine D'Arpa, Mrs. Donald Winters, and Dr. James Downey.



ROY CLYDE WILSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wilson of Newton, was licensed to the gospel ministry on November 10 by Poplar Springs Church, Rt. 3, Newton. A graduate of Newton High School, he is a sophomore at Clarke College. His brother, Rev. Raymond Wilson, is pastor of Calvary Church, Greenville.

### 22 Get Diplomas In Buenos Aires

Twenty-two graduates who will work in four South American countries received diplomas in graduation exercises, November 15, at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Harold Hutcheson was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Sallitillo Church. Rev. David Poe, pastor. A senior at Sallitillo High School, he has been a member of the school chorus, boys quartet, and the Student Christian Association. He will be available for supply work and may be contacted by writing to Sallitillo Baptist Church. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hutcheson of Sallitillo.

### BMC Pays Tribute To 40-Year Employee

By Marguerite Hill

We wish to use the only tools available to writers — WORDS — and pay special tribute to the life and Blue Mountain College services of the late Lamar W. Bennett, who for 40 years had served on the maintenance staff, rendering loyal, faithful, and capable assistance as electrician, steam fitter, repairman, interior decorator, builder, for number of years as watchman, and driver of Blue Mountain College automobiles for the many necessary occasions for the benefit of students, faculty, and staff.

At the request of the college business manager, maintenance superintendent, and college president, Mr. Bennett never failed to carry out each duty through the years, and he shall always be remembered for his Christian spirit, his readiness to help in all ways possible, and the keen sense of humor with which he brightened the days as he worked, participated in staff sports activities, and made friendships with fellow workmen, community citizens and those he was so often associated with.

Mr. Bennett was a faithful member of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, having served as music director for the Adult Sunday School Department a number of years, as a member of the local choir, a men's quartette, and various other capacities.

The wife of Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Leona G. Bennett, served for a number of years as college dietitian. She, too, rendered faithful and loyal services in that capacity. The apartment of the formerly used campus dining hall was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Bennett and their two sons, James Melvin and Joe, for a number of years.

On Friday morning, November 29, Lowrey Memorial Church made the setting for the final rites of a Blue Mountain College career employee. Two of Mr. Bennett's favorite quartette hymns were sung by three members of the New Albany official Quartette and R. H. Mitchell of Blue

Mountain, and organ numbers were played by Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, church organist and long-time friend of the deceased, and messages of comfort were brought by Rev. Alvin G. Hall and Rev. Land-

reth Murphree. D. H. Guyton, business manager of the college, and members of the maintenance staff served as pallbearers. Interment was in Blue Mountain's "hillcrest" cemetery.

### Beacon Street Anticipates A "Christmas For Christ"

Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, has voted a "Christmas for Christ" program in support of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. This program is to be sponsored by WMU and the Children's Sunday school departments. A family supper on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22, will be followed by a Christmas party for the children and a carol singing by the families during the Training Union hour.

The WMU, Mrs. Chester Clark, president, and the GA's, with Mrs. H. S. Rogers, leader, will decorate the fellowship hall for the supper and the Christmas party. The Sunday Schools workers in the Junior, Primary, Beginner and Nursery departments will be in charge of the party and the tree.

The pastor, Rev. H. S. Rogers, says each family member will be asked to bring a present for Jesus to be placed under the tree at the conclusion of the hour of fun and fellowship. This present will be in the form of an offering to the Lottie Moon Christmas effort. It may be from a penny to several dollars according to the desire of the giver. The idea, however, is that everybody be given the opportunity to bring a special gift.

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### 1st, Nettleton To Burn Note

First Church, Nettleton, will observe homecoming and noteburning services on Sunday, December 15. The church, which was built in 1955, is now debt-free. The special observance will be an all-



Clarke Continues Missions Emphasis

From left: Mrs. J. H. Street, Mrs. Donnell Brown, Oakman, Ala.; Mrs. L. D. Brown, Alligator; Mrs. Lendell Ainsworth, Marietta, Ga.; Mrs. J. C. Watson. A special chapel program was conducted by the Clarke College W. M. S. on December 3. Three student wives (pictured) gave special Scripture readings. Mrs. J. H. Street stressed the connection of Foreign Missions and the Crusade of the Americas and told a Christmas story with an appeal for a worthy Lottie Moon offering. Lighted bulbs in traditional star (upper right) shows progress of offering toward goal of \$3,000 for the college family. Mrs. J. C. Watson offered closing prayer.



### Perfect Attendance At Bruce

Pictured are 39 of the 48 persons who have maintained a perfect Sunday school attendance in First Church, Bruce. Rev. Ben R. Scarborough, Minister of Education, Rev. G. A. McCoy, pastor. Six have been present every Sunday for five years, seven for six years, four for seven years, nine for four years, five for three years, nine for two years, and eight for one year.



### To Present Recital At Clara

Melita Ann Shoemaker will be presented in her third piano and organ recital on Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 p. m. at First Church, Clara. She is being presented by her piano teacher, Mrs. Jack Carter, and her organ teacher, Clyde Lumas, N. L. Shoemaker, III, her brother, will join her on trumpet for a duet. Melita teaches 8 piano students and will introduce them at her recital. She is 14 years old and a freshman in high school. She has had piano nine years and organ two years. She is organist for her church and serves as pianist for the Wayne County Associational Training Union. She also plays clarinet in the Clara High School Band and serves as a majorette. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Shoemaker, Jr. of Clara.

day affair, with regular Sunday school and morning worship and lunch served at the church.

In the afternoon, the church history will be read and the noteburning will take place. Former members and pastors are especially invited, according to Rev. W. T. Dixon Jr., pastor.

One cattle shed could house all the people who knew of the first Christmas, and now, whole nations, peoples of all creeds and tongues feel the compulsion of the time.—W. J. Cameron

Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind.—William Shakespeare

## Churches In The News

First Church, Tutwiler made the annual harvest night supper on November 26 a special occasion as the members welcomed a new pastor, Rev. Paul Hunter, and his wife and daughter, to the field. The Hunters were the recipients of many useful gifts. The after-dinner speaker was Mrs. Harold Fabriz of Clarksdale.

Oak Grove Church, Simpson County, on November 3 had 121 in Sunday school. This is unusual in that they have only 104 enrolled in Sunday school. Rev. Lawrence Smith is pastor, and Burnett Blair is Sunday school superintendent.

Central Church, Brookhaven presented a silver service to Rev. Wilson Winstead and his family, at the close of his last service with them after a pastorate of over nine years. Mr. Winstead has accepted a call to Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson. While he was at Central, he led the church in erecting a new building valued at \$158,000. The Sunday school average increased from below 140 to 200, and the budget grew from \$12,500 to \$37,000.



### SWIFTWATER PASTOR

Rev. Phil Wilkinson has moved to Swiftwater Church, Washington County, from the Hollywood Church at Sledge. He is married to the former Sondra Rode of Greenville; they have two young sons.